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Subject: Pest Control Update in the Nezinscot Valley Region

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

I am writing to provide you with an update of the cockroach situation at HSES. This morning Modern Pest, a licensed pest control professional, came to evaluate the school and provide treatment. They did not find any cockroaches in HSES; none in any of the classrooms, gathering areas, cafe, kitchen or any place where they were reported Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Roberts both, toured the school with them. Regardless, they placed traps and used Vendetta Cockroach Gel, a targeted product specifically designed for safe and effective control of cockroaches. This treatment was applied in select areas and in accordance with all safety guidelines.

Yesterday at BJSBS, they identified one German cockroach in the building. Although this was an isolated finding, we decided to act quickly and take precautionary measures. Modern Pest, treated a few areas also using traps and Vendetta Cockroach Gel.

Please be assured that student and staff safety remain our top priority. The product used is applied in discreet locations that are inaccessible to children, and there is no risk to anyone in the school community. Modern Pest will continue to monitor the situation closely and take any additional steps as needed to ensure our buildings remain pest-free.

By the end of the day, Modern Pest will have a written report for Mr. Roberts. We will review this and share with our School Board as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we maintain a healthy learning environment for everyone.

Sincerely,